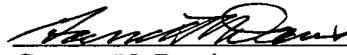


**REMARKS**

The present amendment revises claim 40 to correct a minor inconsistency in the claim. Lines 1-5 of claim 40 recite that the wiring is between the i-type layer of each photovoltaic cell and the p-type layer of the respective photovoltaic cell, and between the n-type layer and the i-type layer of the same photovoltaic cell. This properly defines the structure of the claimed photovoltaic device since the respective photovoltaic cells of the p-type layer and the n-type layer are located on a first substrate, and the i-type layer is located on a second substrate with a space between the substrates. Therefore, line 6 of claim 40 is inconsistent by referring to the electrical connections between the photovoltaic cells. Accordingly, claim 40 is amended to delete the phrase "between said photovoltaic cells" in lines 6-7 of claim 40. This amendment is made to be consistent with the claim as a whole and does not raise new issues.

Applicant respectfully requests this amendment be entered.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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